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- Jersey as I have been. At Long Branch it is fine and plenty. I have seen a spontaneous Catalpa or two on Staten Island, and a number in Westchester County. The roadsides near Throg's Neck are frequently set with Catalpas for shade—many of which trees are very old indeed. By the way the finest Copper Beech, probably, in the country, grows at Throg's Neck, on the grounds of Mr. Van Schaick. It is enormous in size, very beautiful and graceful in shape, of charmingly colored foliage. I do not know its dimensions or its age; but I think the diameter of the trunk at the height of a man's head must be six feet. If you are ever up there, it is worth visiting and measuring.

 I. H. H., 36 Pine St., May 31st.
- 4l. Amelanchier Canadensis, Torr. & Gray.—Mr. E. S. Miller, of Wading River, L. I., has sent us a variety of this plant with petals colored red. The specimen sent was gathered in Massachusetts in 1867, but Mr. M. has observed a similar coloring this spring in plants on Long Island.
- 42. Viola rostrata, Pursh.—A friend suggests that no insect with long proboscis is needed to fertilize this flower, and sends us specimens of *Dicentra spectabilis* with the spurs slit by the Humblebees to get at the nectar. We have observed the same operation in the case of the Lilac, but both these plants are exotics, and the bees and the flowers have not been developed in adaptation to each other. We suppose that some night flying moth with suitable proboscis feeds on the honey of this violet, and that the rarity of the moth in this district occasions the rarity of the flower. The seed capsules we noticed were not as well developed as in other more common violets.
- 43. New Stations.—Galium boreale, L., and Phlox pilosa, L.; grow freely just back of the brick-yard near Chatham Station, on the Morris and Essex R. R.—Kalmia latifolia, L., in the woods on the Coney Island Horse R. R., along with the varieties of violet referred to in the last number.—Rosa micrantha, Smith, seems abundant along the roads about Yonkers.
- 44. Erratum.—In last No., § 30, Herbarium suggestions, line 20, for " 18×20 ," read " 18×12 ," for size of compartments.
- 45. Aspidium fragrans, Swartz.—In Vol. I., page 432 of the "American Naturalist," (well deserving of its name,) Mr. H. Willey reports finding this species at Berlin Falls, N. H. We recur to this discovery now, when the season approaches for excursions to the mountainous region in the north of this state, in hopes that, by directing attention to it, we may lead some of our friends to detect it within our borders. A correspondent wrote us last winter, that a friend had found a fragrant fern last summer in New Russia, Essex Co. We did not learn that any specimens had been preserved. We hope our correspondent will be able to get more precise information on the subject this year, and, if possible, procure us a specimen.

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